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March 25, 2004

Robert Urosevich, President Diebold Elections, Inc. 1611 Wilmeth Road McKinney, TX 75069

Re: Request for Approval of New Software

Dear Mr. Urosevich:

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 19, 2004, to John Mott-Smith, requesting our approval of new Diebold software in order to process provisional ballots. It is our understanding that as a result of a voicemail message left by Marvin Singleton, a consultant for Diebold, to our Elections Department Chief John Mott-Smith, there is no longer a need for consideration of your request. If our understanding is incorrect, please advise.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Kyle Undersecretary

cc: John Mott-Smith